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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants submit a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including one page of Form PTO-1449, and copies of ten (10) documents cited therein. Pursuant to the waiver in the notice entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications Filed After June 30, 2003" published on August 5, 2003 in 1273 OG 55, copies of the cited U.S. Patents are not enclosed. Copies will be provided upon request, however.

U.S. Patent No. 4,826,493 is cited herein as an English language equivalent of Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. JP 62-209144. PCT Publication No. WO 95/17216 is cited herein as an English language equivalent of Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. JP 09-507091.

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* US Patent 4,826,493 corresponds to JP 62-209144.

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Remarks

This statement should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no better art exists. Moreover, Applicants invite the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of the cited art to determine its relevance to the subject matter of the present application. Applicants are of the opinion that their claims patentably distinguish over the art referred to herein, either alone or in combination.

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